

John Hiatt, Old Days

"Old Days"

I Was Sittin In The Dressing Room With Brownie Mcgee
He Was Drinkin That Milk With That Dewars Whiskey
Said John, Theres Nothin Written Anywhere
Suggests The Blues Will Set You Free
Old Days Are Comin Back To Me

I Was Ridin In The Back Seat, With Sonny Terry
Little Harmonica Player Used To Drive Him Around
I Think His Name Was Harry
Tried To Get Him To Eat Tofu, Raw Vegetables, Nuts, And Berries
But Sonny Wasnt Havin Any Of It

He Let Me Share A Room With Em For A Couple Of Weeks
Sonny Slept With His Good Eye Open Staring Out From Under The Sheets
I Was Young And Uncomfortable I Dont Mind Tellin Ya Kinda Gave Me The Creeps
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Dont Know What Was So Good About Em
I Played Practically Free
I Had Nothin To Live Up To
Everywhere To Be
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On Some Dates With Mose Allison Somewhere Out In The Midwest
Said Some Of My Lyrics Reminded Him Of The Poet Kenneth Patchen
I Took It As A Compliment
He Was Referring To The Line About Wearin' Neon Signs On Your Wounds
Later On I Knew What He Meant
Old Days Are Comin Back To Me

On A Date With John Lee Hooker At A Packed Joint Up In Washington
He Came In With A Gorgeous Woman On Each Arm As I Was Singing My Song
Walked Em Right Up And Sat Em On The Edge Of The Stage As I Went Singing Along
And Thats Called Evenin Son, Im The Headliner

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I Dont Know What Was So Great About Em
I Played Practically Free
But I Had Nothing To Live Up To
And Everywhere To Be
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Played A Gig With John Hammond Jr. Up In Vancouver BC
Exotic Dancer Came In My Dressing Room, Started Dancing Exotically
They Were Smoking Something In The Audience That Night, Smelled Exactly Like Cat Pee
Old Days Are Comin Back To Me

Opened Up A Gig For Gatemouth Brown Down In Baton Rouge
He Was Playing That Hillbilly, Jazz, Cajun, Country, Zydeco, And Blues
Throwin It Out Past The Walls Like Some Kind Of Musical Centrifuge
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